

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

Located minutes south of downtown Hillsboro, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve's

635 acres are a quiet sanctuary for both people and wildlife. Over 200 species of birds have been sighted at Jackson Bottom, including nesting Bald Eagles, Osprey and Great Blue Herons. Thousands of Northern Pintails and other waterfowl visit each winter, making Jackson Bottom a haven for bird watchers. The Preserve is home to deer, otters, beavers, and hundreds of other species.

Providing interpretive education on wetlands and wildlife, panoramic views, natural resources management, trails and recreation, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve is a treasure for the entire region.



With the help of generous donations, dedicated volunteers, and the vision of the non-profit Jackson Bottom Board of Directors the Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Education Center opened on September 27, 2003. The 12,000 square-foot farm-style building blends well with its natural surroundings and a 3,000-square foot wraparound deck that connects the Center to the trails leading into the Preserve. The covered deck overlooking the Preserve is a perfect space for rentals and special events. The Wetlands Education Center includes an exhibit hall filled with interactive exhibits on wetlands and natural history, and the only bald eagle nest on display in the continental United States. The Center also has a Nature Store and a multipurpose space for programs.

Connecting with Nature

With over 25,000 people engaged in programs or visiting the Preserve annually, the Wetlands Education Center strives to create a diverse range of opportunities for people to interact and participate in the rich natural ecology of the surrounding wetlands. Community program offerings include Lunch with the Birds, Sunset & Moonrise Watch, Morning Bird Song Walks, and ongoing lectures

on topics such as native plants, pollinators and soil health. Our nature education programming includes camps and classes for all ages and abilities in tracking, wildlife watching, plant identification, crafting with natural materials, and more.









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